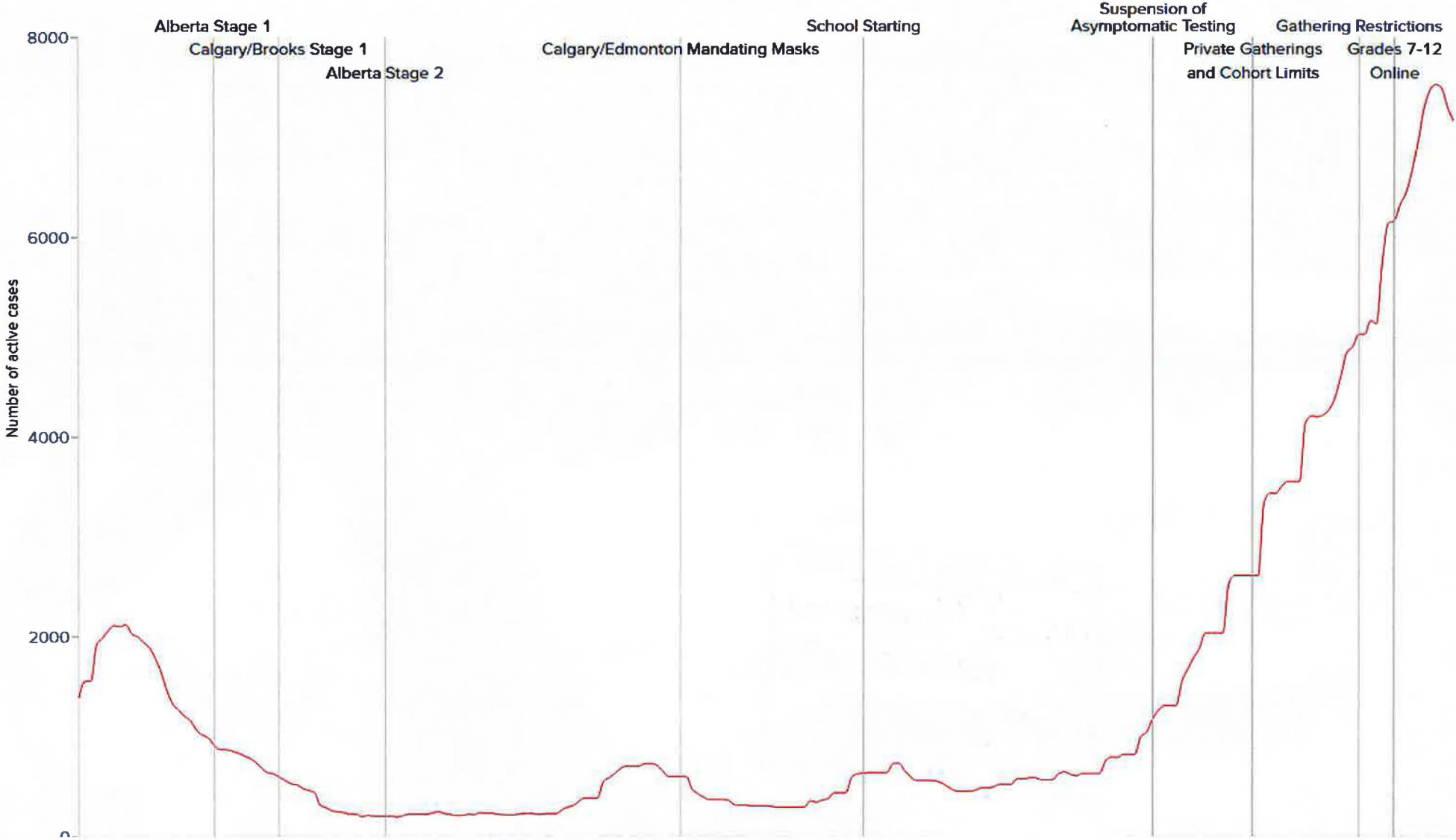Calgary

Update on Temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw C2020-1427
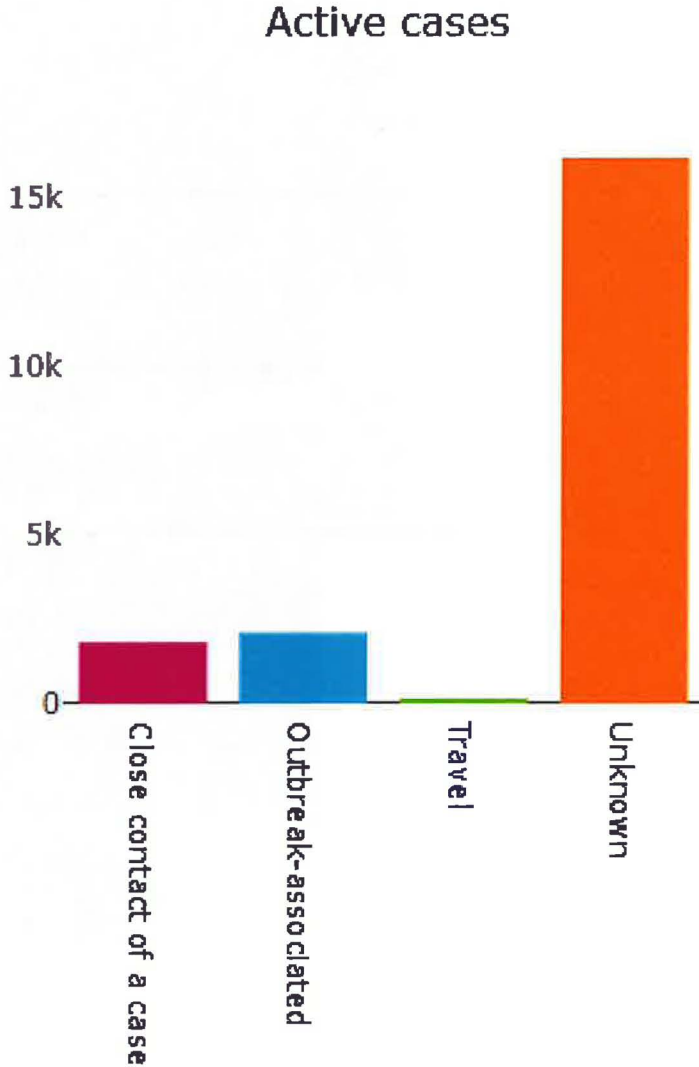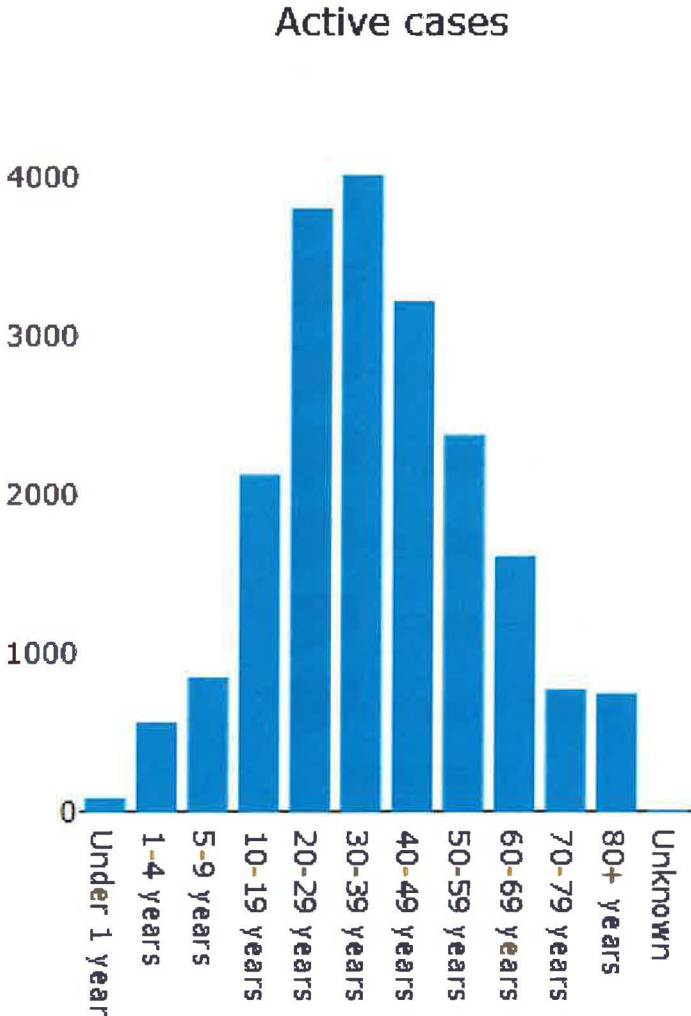
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Calgary Active Cases

Source: University of Calgary: https://www.chi-csm.ca/

Alberta Active Case Characteristics

Active cases

Active cases

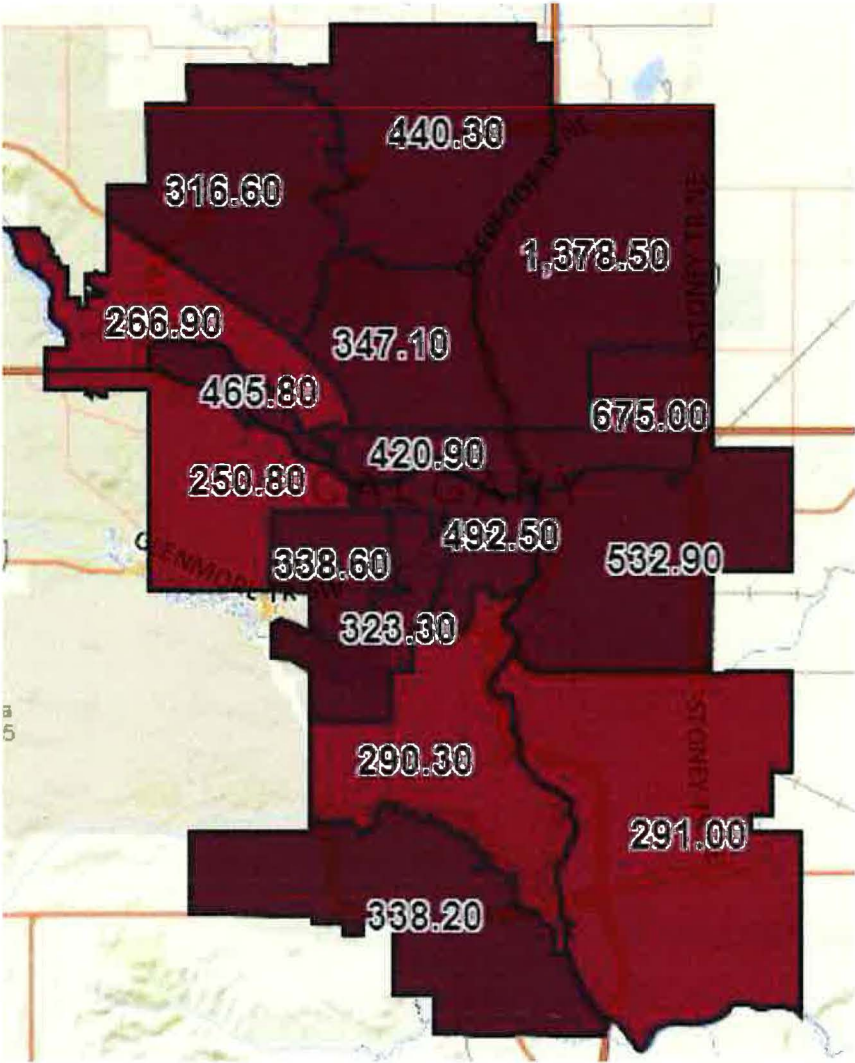Source: Government of Alberta: https://www.alberta.ca/stats/covid-19-alberta-statistics.htm

COVID-19 Calgary Local Geographic Areas

AHS Local Geographic Areas - current

Regional Indicator Value (Cases/100K)

- > 300 – 2,000
- > 200 – 300
- > 150 – 200
- > 100 – 150
- > 75 – 100
- > 50 – 75
- > 40 – 50
- > 30 – 40
- > 20 – 30
- 0 – 20

Map values:
440.30, 316.60, 1,378.50, 266.90, 347.10, 465.80, 675.00, 420.90, 250.80, 492.50, 532.90, 338.60, 323.30, 290.30, 291.00, 338.20
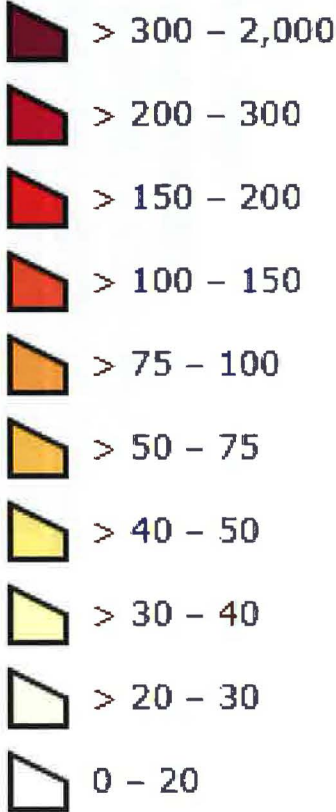
Source: City of Calgary

COVID-19 Response Plan

LEVEL 1: WATCH

Communications Level 1

Monitoring emerging events for situational awareness

Monthly meetings with regional, provincial and national partners

Business continuity across Agency

LEVEL 2: ENHANCED WATCH

Communications Level 2

Monitor and Support

Complete Mid Event Review

Monthly meetings with regional, provincial and national partners

Business continuity across Agency

LEVEL 3: RESPONSE

Rt values trend

Hospitalizations ICU Rates Deaths

- Communications Level 3
- Regular weekly meetings of the COVID Strike team
- Weekly meeting with AHS Zone EOC
- Regular links to local MOH's
- Bi-weekly meetings Alberta Health and CEMA
- Implementation of Temporary Face Covering Bylaw
- SOLE & Weekly Checkins

Responses in other jurisdictions

Emerging Medical Research (UofC)

Local Epidemiology (MOH's)

LEVEL 4: COMPLEX RESPONSE

Communications Level 4

Regional or Provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health Orders

Government of Alberta orders

Implementation of State of Local Emergency

*Current Level

Source: Government of Alberta

Provincial Health Order Complements Municipal Bylaw

	Alberta Government	Calgary	
Scope	✓ Indoor workplaces ✓ Facilities outside the home	✓ Indoor public premises ✓ Public Vehicles	
Enforcement	✓ Peace officers ✓ Police officers ✓ Provincial peace officers	✓ Peace officers ✓ Police officers	
Penalty for failure to wear	Minimum fine of $1,000 + $200 surcharge, up to $100,000 for a first offence	**Current** $50	**Proposed** $100 first offence $200 second offence $300 third and subsequent

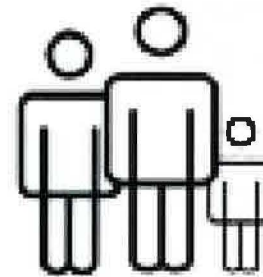# Citizen Perspectives COVID-19 Snapshot Survey

93%* Always wear a face mask in public/confined spaces

88%* Support the Face Coverings Bylaw

80% More willing to be in public because of the bylaw

87% Support continuation of the bylaw

88% Think we're in a second wave of the pandemic

Survey Conducted November 9-15

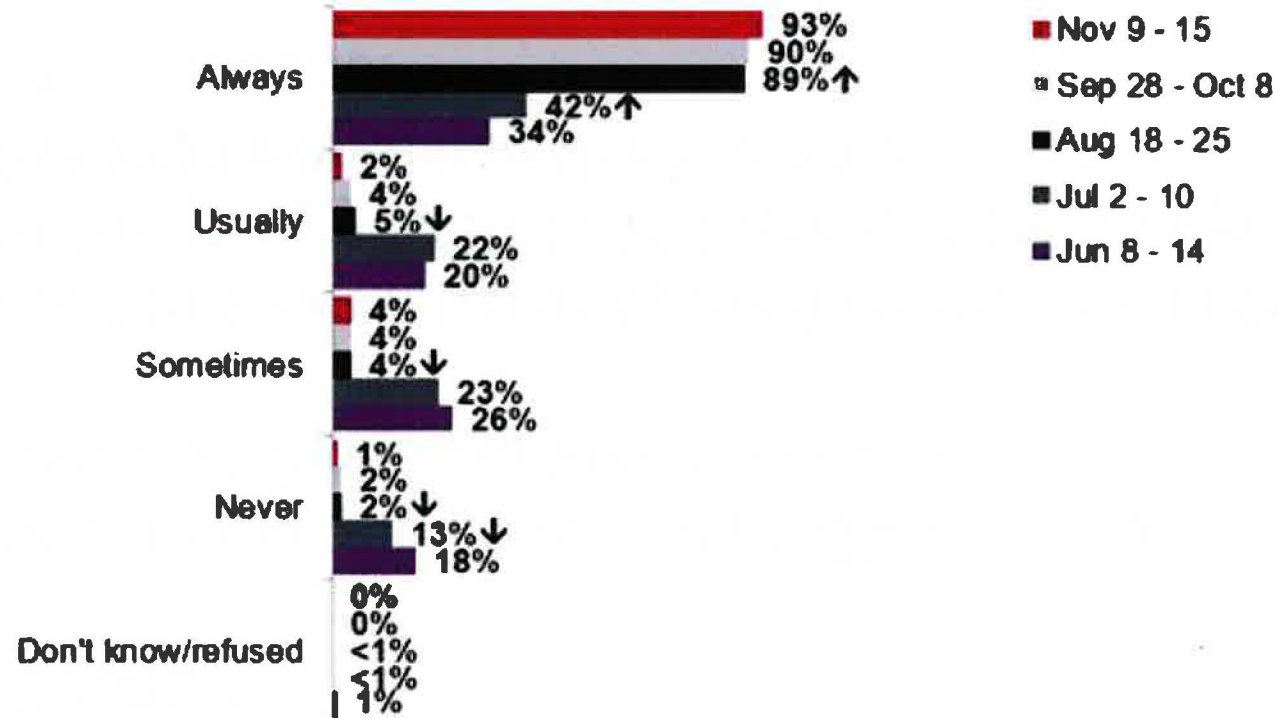*Data collection occurred after face coverings bylaw came into effect

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse that the Temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw remain in force; and

2. Give three readings to bylaw 51M2020 to amend the Temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw 26M2020 increasing the fine amounts for contraventions.

Citizen Perspectives COVID-19 Snapshot 6 Survey

Frequency of Wearing a Face Mask in Public/Confined Spaces*

Always
- 93% — Nov 9 - 15
- 90% — Sep 28 - Oct 8
- 89% ↑
- 42% ↑
- 34%

Usually
- 2%
- 4%
- 5% ↓
- 22%
- 20%

Sometimes
- 4%
- 4%
- 4% ↓
- 23%
- 26%

Never
- 1%
- 2%
- 2% ↓
- 13% ↓
- 18%

Don't know/refused
- 0%
- 0%
- <1%
- <1%
- 1%

Legend:
- ■ Nov 9 - 15
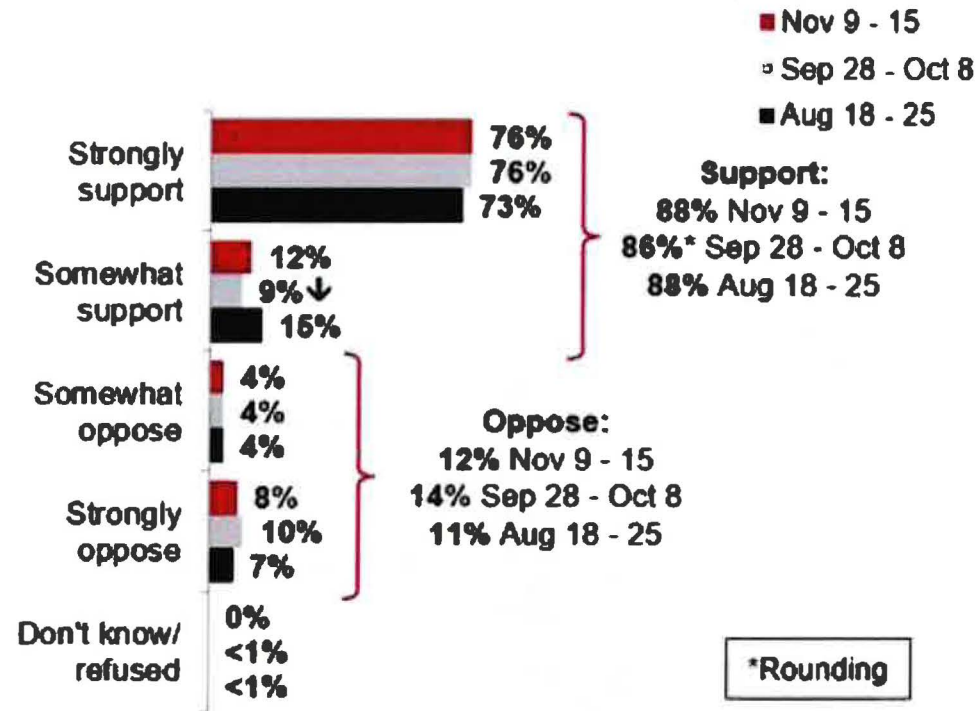- ▫ Sep 28 - Oct 8
- ■ Aug 18 - 25
- ■ Jul 2 - 10
- ■ Jun 8 - 14

*City Council voted in favour of the Face Coverings Bylaw on July 21, 2020 and it went into effect on August 1, 2020.

New question beginning June 8

How often do you wear a face mask in public and confined spaces such as grocery stores, shopping malls and public transit?
Base: All respondents (n=500 except: May 19 – 25, n=400; Apr 28 – May 5, n=400)

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Support for Mandatory Face Mask Bylaw for Public Transit and Public Indoor Spaces

■ Nov 9 - 15
▫ Sep 28 - Oct 8
■ Aug 18 - 25

Strongly support
76%
76%
73%

Somewhat support
12%
9% ↓
15%

Support:
88% Nov 9 - 15
86%* Sep 28 - Oct 8
88% Aug 18 - 25

Somewhat oppose
4%
4%
4%

Strongly oppose
8%
10%
7%

Oppose:
12% Nov 9 - 15
14% Sep 28 - Oct 8
11% Aug 18 - 25

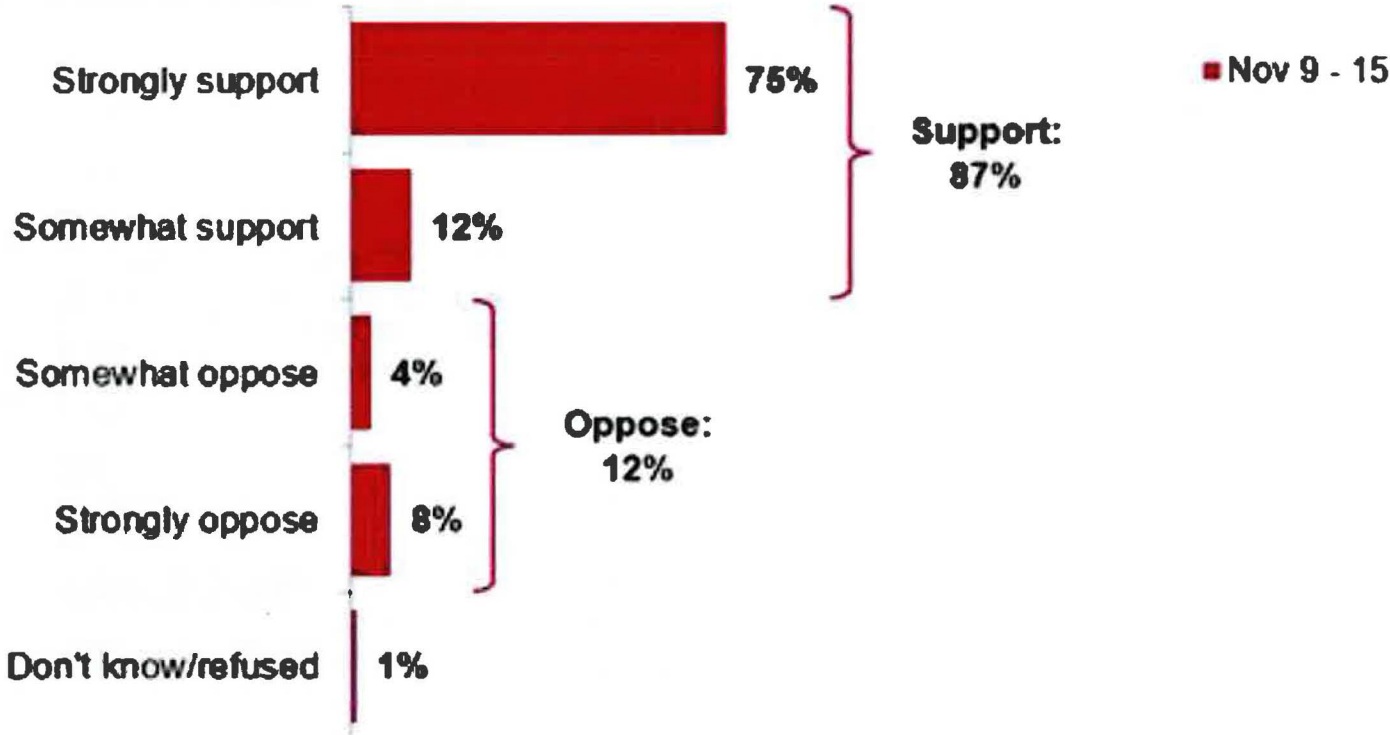**Don't know/ refused**
0%
<1%
<1%

*Rounding

New question beginning August 18

As you may already know, on July 21st City Council voted in favour of a bylaw that requires face masks or coverings be worn on public transit and in public indoor spaces such as retail stores and shopping malls, recreation centres and public common spaces in office buildings. To what extent do you support or oppose this bylaw?
Base: All respondents (n=500)

Support for Extending the Duration of the Face Coverings Bylaw

Strongly support — 75%

Somewhat support — 12%

Somewhat oppose — 4%

Strongly oppose — 8%

Don't know/refused — 1%

Support: 87%

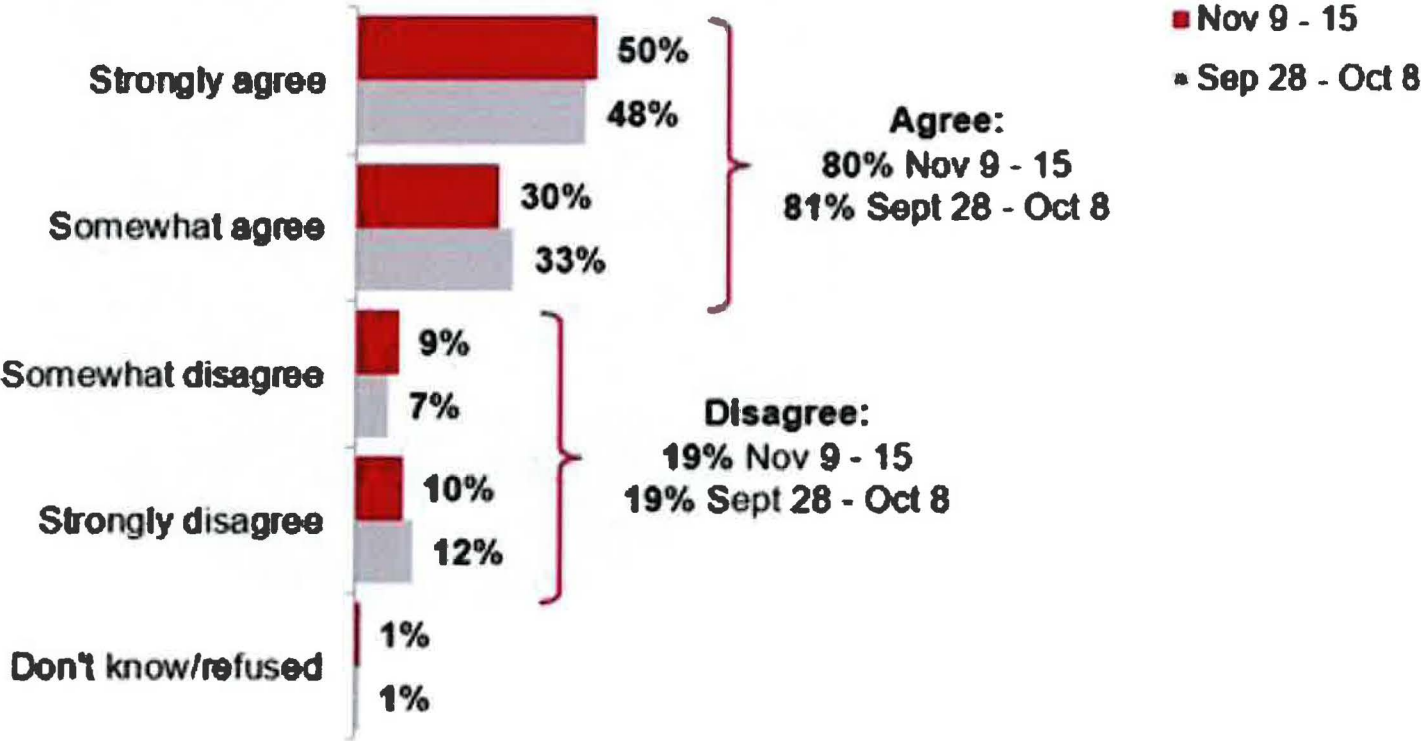Oppose: 12%

■ Nov 9 - 15

New question beginning November 9

In December, City Council will be deciding if it is necessary to extend the bylaw that requires face masks or coverings be worn on public transit and in public indoor spaces such as retail stores and shopping malls, recreation centres and public common spaces in office buildings. To what extent do you support or oppose the continuation of this bylaw?

Base: All respondents (n=500)

Citizen Perspectives COVID-19 Snapshot 6 Survey

Mandatory Face Coverings in Public Indoor Spaces Increase Willingness/Confidence to be in Public

■ Nov 9 - 15
▲ Sep 28 - Oct 8

Strongly agree — 50% / 48%

Somewhat agree — 30% / 33%

Agree:
80% Nov 9 - 15
81% Sept 28 - Oct 8

Somewhat disagree — 9% / 7%

Strongly disagree — 10% / 12%

Disagree:
19% Nov 9 - 15
19% Sept 28 - Oct 8

Don't know/refused — 1% / 1%

New question beginning September 28

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Mandatory face coverings in public indoor spaces makes me more willing or confident to go shopping, visit restaurants, ride transit, or do other activities in public.

Base: **All respondents (n=500)**

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